



LAKE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



**January
29th
Newsletter!**

Fundraiser, Honeybees, and Fun Projects



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1.) Fundraiser tickets are now delivered. If you did not receive your tickets please let us know as soon as possible

2.) April 1st is add/drop day for 4-H projects.

3.) *Sewing class and Bird houses Oh my! Classes are now open– sign up today!*

4.) *Beekeeping in 4H– We have a program now!*

Fundraiser Ticket Refills-

We strongly encourage families to communicate with club leadership about their sales. We have refill books at Lake County Extension at the moment if anyone sells out.



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Agenda/upcoming Items for our 4H Clubs **(Read this portion at your club meetings)**

Fundraising:

We already have gotten requests for additional tickets to sell! Please sell what you have first, and only request what you can sell going forward. Let's really shine here 4-H and raise funds for our programs!

Beekeeping in 4-H

We have a project in the works! Anyone interested in bees and who wants to participate in bee-related activities, please contact Breton Homewood at the office. Details on Page 3!

May 2nd 9-11 Small animal weigh in– Lambs and Hogs **4-H workshops:**

We have a lot of fun classes available now and coming up. Be sure to let us know and pay on the requested dates in our workshops advertised in this newsletter.

4H Fair Theme Contest:

It's that time of year again! What will our fair's theme be? Your club could be the decider!

April 1st is add/drop day for 4-H Projects

Attention 4H Seniors:

4-H is for life, and we have funding help for college via our grants and scholarships programs. Apply at:

<http://www.montana4h.org/programs/grants/scholarships.html>

Sew-Tastic Cows and Lamps

-Monthly Series 4H Program Highlights-



We had quite the day with back-to-back classes! Our newest 4-H agent, Breton Homewood, taught our 4-H'ers basic electricity switches and circuitry. We proceeded to building our lamps. Construction included filling our bottles with sand and putting a note inside the bottle to turn it into a functional time capsule.

While our Lamp class was going upstairs, Berl Tiskus, Michal Ann Stedje, and Ann Grende taught how to make cowl on sewing machines. We had a lot of fun and made a lot of useful things for our everyday lives. Next workshops will be bird house/bat house construction, additional sewing, beehive assembly, gardening projects, and some STEM items like rocketry are on the horizon. If you had to miss any of our classes, but still want to take them, please let us know and we will have a "make up day" in a few months.

Special thank you to Anna Grende, Michal Ann Stedje, Berl Tiskus, and Sjaan Vincent for the help!



4-H Beekeeping



MSU Lake County Extension is teaming up with Flathead Extension in Polson to provide a beekeeping program to everyone in Lake County. We are planning on having up to three hives for our 4-H program, and an Observation hive as well. We will have the opportunity to learn everything from hive assembly, to bee biology, to putting honey in jars and selling it. This will be our program, so if anyone has any ideas, wants to learn, and/or participate in the oncoming months please let us know at Lake County Extension!

The first major date is **April 24th**– We will be hiving our bees then. More updates and plans soon!

Special Thank you to Brenda Richie at Flathead Extension and Western Bee supplies for the equipment!!!



Western Bee Supplies



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Bird Houses, Bat Houses, Herb Gardens Oh My!

-4H Weekend Workshop Series-

Part of our 3rd weekend series!

We will be building bluebird houses, bat houses, and mason jar herb gardens. 4H'ers will take home a choice of bird or bat house, and a mason jar herb garden.

-Participants will nail together the boards, plant the seeds, and paint the boxes-

Cost is \$5

Saturday, February 22nd

2:00pm-4:00pm

Lake County Extension Office, Ronan

-Limit of 15 Participants- (Class is almost full!)

Please Sign Up and Pay by: February 17th



Fundraising in 4-H

We will have the tickets mailed shortly to distribute to our 4-H families. (Should be as soon as this Saturday!)

4-H will have a Raffle beginning in mid-January with winners being chosen on March 17, 2020. There are four chances to win one of six prizes:

One quarter a Beef cut and wrapped

One quarter a Beef cut and wrapped

One half a Hog cut and wrapped

One half a Hog cut and wrapped

One 25lbs ground beef

One 25lbs ground beef

Council will purchase the Beef and Pork.

Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each.

We also discussed each family in Lake County 4-H be required to sell or purchase a minimum of ten tickets or raise \$100.00.

We will hold a competition for the family that sells the most tickets.

1st Place will receive movie tickets, 2nd will receive a free bowling night, and 3rd place will win a swimming in day in Polson Aquatic Center



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Readership Contest Facebook Likes

To Enter the Contest:

Like our 4-H Facebook page and like the newsletter post–
(You can also enter by emailing/calling us to tell us you read it!)
Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-County-4-H-100258408024446/>

After you sign up let us know so you can be in the next contest!



WINNERS!!!!

Come in to claim your rewards! **Our next drawing will be March 4th for a \$50 gift card to 4-H online!**

Spring McKee! You have won \$25 at Bev's Bloomers!

Like our Facebook page and like our newsletter post to Enter the next contest!

Email, call or visit us in Ronan to enter:

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**Congrats to our stellar reader and winner–
Spring McKee!!!**



Bluebirds of Montana

The learning corner of our newsletter will be about bluebirds of Montana! There are three types of bluebirds in Montana– the Western Bluebird, the Mountain Bluebird, and the Eastern Bluebird. We also have the occasional Blue Jay fly through as well! Bluebirds help the environment and add beauty to our already beautiful state. Birdwatchers come from around the world to watch these wonderful animals take flight. These bluebirds like shelter to raise their young, so we can provide them birdhouses and feed to encourage them to return to our yards year after year. We will have birdhouse plans and classes available to our 4-H'ers soon!



Were on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-County-4-H-100258408024446/>



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 4H Council and Budget meeting 5:30pm	8	9	10 Make sure enrollment fees paid before weigh in!	11 Steer Weigh in
12	13	14 4H Policy Meeting	15 Citizenship Applications due	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25 Lamp Build Day Class
26	27 Ambassador Meeting 6:30pm	28	29	30	31	

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Ambassador Dance
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Bird House Class and Shooting Sports
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Leap Day!